

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Figures 1-9C;

Species II, illustrated in Figures 10-15B;

Species III, illustrated in Figures 16-22;

Species IV, illustrated in Figures 23-28;

Species V, illustrated in Figure 29;

Species VI, illustrated in Figures 30-41B;

Species VII, illustrated in Figures 42-44;

Species VIII, illustrated in Figures 45-48; and

Species IX, illustrated in Figures 49-54.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects Species VIII, illustrated in Figures 45-48, without traverse.


Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 8-12, 14, 16, 17, and 19 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic. Applicant submits that claims 8-11 do not exclude any of the species identified by the Examiner and are therefore also generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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